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Texas Department of Water Resources

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : Gary Schroeder, Solid Waste and Spill Response Section, April 12, 1982
Enforcement and Field Operations Division
THRU : C.R. Miertschin, Director
Enforcement and Field Operations Division
FROM : Henry Karnei, Jr., Environmental Quality Specialist
District 8
SUBJECT: Kerr-Ban Furniture Manufacturing Company, Inc. - Solid Waste Registration
No. 31035 - Final Clean-up and Closure of Kerr-Ban - Hays County.

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On March 27, 1981 during a solid waste inspection of Kerr-Ban, it was discovered that the company had used an unlined landfill for the on-site disposal of waste materials. According to Larry Hanson, industrial engineer, Kerr-Ban constructed a landfill in May 1977. The landfill was used from May 1977 to November 1977. All Class I material (mainly organic solvents and paint sludge) were dumped into the landfill. For more information, consult interoffice memorandum dated July 15, 1981 from the writer to Gary Schroeder, Subject: Solid Waste Inspection of Kerr-Ban. During the inspection, it was pointed out to Larry Hanson that any inactive site containing Class I waste needed to be identified.

On November 23, 1981 the writer was informed that Kerr-Ban had ceased all operations in San Marcos and was selling the property. On this date, the writer reinspected Kerr-Ban. During this inspection, Kerr-Ban was represented by Mr. Richard King. Mr. King informed the writer that Kerr-Ban was being sold to Wide-Lite Company. When questioned concerning the identification of the landfill in property deed records, Mr. King explained that no action to record the landfill had been initiated by Larry Hanson. It was recommended to Mr. King that Kerr-Ban either physically remove the waste material from the landfill or that the location be appropriately noted on property deed records.

At this time, Kerr-Ban selected to physically remove the waste material from the landfill. On December 10, 1981 Kerr-Ban dug a trench through the landfill to determine its contents. Photographs 1, 2 and 3 illustrate that the landfill did contain organic solvents and paint sludges. A slight odor of organic solvents could be detected.

On December 22, 1981 Kerr-Ban authorized the consulting firm of Raba-Kistner to develop a plan for clean-up of the landfill (Attachment I). On December 28, 1981 the District 8 office received a report from Raba-Kistner and Kerr-Ban concerning the proposed clean-up of the landfill (Attachment II).

On December 28, 1981 District 8 notified Kerr-Ban by letter that clean-up of the landfill would be beneficial (Attachment III).

On January 8, 1982 the consulting firm of Raba-Kistner submitted the attached results to T.D.W.R. for a waste classification of the landfill contents (Attachment IV).

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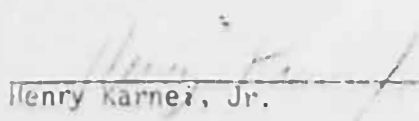
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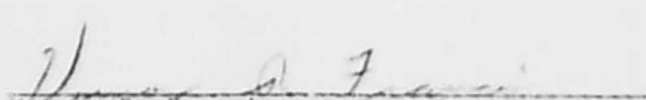
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On March 25, 1982 the consulting firm of Raba-Kistner submitted to District 8 the final report concerning removal and disposal of the waste material from the Kerr-Ban landfill (Attachment V). On March 17, 1982 the writer observed the clean-up operations and removal of contaminated soil by Raba-Kistner (Photographs Nos. 4 and 5). Approximately 26 truck loads of contaminated soils were removed and disposed at the Sprint Disposal Company landfill located in Colorado County.

Based on the information received from Raba-Kistner and the observations made on March 17, 1982, it appears that the clean-up operations were successful in the removal of the contaminated material from the Kerr-Ban landfill. Since Kerr-Ban Furniture Company is no longer in existence, solid waste registration No. 31035 can be cancelled.


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